

Innovation 2030 Worldwide Challenge

The French government has launched the Worldwide Challenge Innovation 2030. €300 million will be allocated in a 3-stage process to co-finance innovative projects from both French and foreign entrepreneurs that fall within seven strategic goals, including Energy storage, Plant chemistry, Personalized medicine, and Big Data.
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France has unveiled a comprehensive strategy for innovation based upon 7 ambitions. The Government will allocate €300 million to co-finance innovative projects that fall within one of seven strategic goals.

Projects in the following fields will be considered:

1. **Energy storage**, whether from intermittent sources or not
2. Viable, effective **recycling of metals**
3. Development of **marine resources** in the following two fields: development of underwater metal resources ; less costly and/or less energy-intensive desalination solutions
4. **Plant proteins and Plant chemistry** projects aimed at developing plant protein-based food products and new materials.
5. Projects involving targeted therapeutic interventions based, for example, on genomics and proteomics, medical devices and/or high-resolution imagery (**Personalized medicine**)
6. Projects that address the loss of autonomy in older individuals connected with robotics and healthcare-related domotics (**The Silver Economy** - innovation in the service of longevity)
7. Projects involving the better use of data, as well as the definition and promotion of new uses and analytical models (**Big Data**).

Projects will be selected through a **three-stage process** :

- In the **Start-up Phase**, opening on December 2nd, 2013, projects at a very early point in their lifecycle will be selected. There will be two intermediate closing dates of January 30, 2014 and March 31st, 2014, and this Start-up Phase will close when one hundred projects have been selected. Companies whose projects are selected will receive financial support in the form of **grants of up to €200,000 per project**.
- During the **Risk Reduction Phase**, opening on September 1st, 2014, support will be provided for expanded development of about 30 promising projects. In some instances, this support might be provided as grants of up to €2 million. A specific call for projects with a separate timelines and specifications will be issued next year.
- In the **Development Phase**, opening in 2016, seven of the projects supported in the Phase 2 will be given large scale support for industrialization.

Applicants are under no obligation to take part in all three phases. This call for projects will be open to companies, large and small, French and foreign, or to consortia involving companies. Only research taking place in France will be financed. The selection process will be based on interviews with applicants whose projects meet the admissibility criteria and will not last longer than six weeks.

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